



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **ONO, Akiko, et al.**

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For: **PORTABLE CARD UNIT PROCESSING APPARATUS**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 24, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 31, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Cancel~~ claims 2-3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Amend claim 1 as indicated below:

1. (Twice Amended) A portable-card-unit processing apparatus for processing data representing electronic money, defined as an electronic symbol of currency, in a storage section (17a) of a card unit (17) when the card unit (17) is attached to said apparatus, comprising:

a first communicating section (23, 243) for communicating with the card unit (17);

a connecting section (14) for being detachably and directly connected to an external apparatus

(15);

a second communicating section (24, 244) for communicating with the external apparatus

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